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1. The following aircraft were parked at the FINOW (N 53/V 08) airfield, which was being expanded to the west, in the direction of FINOWFURTH (N 53/Z 98), on 6 July 1949. According to a labor office official about one thousand Germans were working at the field. A second taxiway was allegedly to be built: About 50 twin-engine Pe-2s and three DC-3s on the northern border, about 50 Pe-2s and 17 biplanes on the southern border.

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- b. Soldiers were engaged in unloading bombs, estimated at five hundred pounds each, in the FINOW "Vorwerk" located on the road and RR line to BIESENTHAL (N 53/X 97).

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9 and 10 July 1949

3. The following aircraft were parked at the FINOW airfield on 9 and 10 July 1949: 68 Pe-2s, three LI-2s, and 22 biplanes. The FINOW houses located along the highway to BIESENTHAL were occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers. There were also ten cantonment buildings serving as quarters, a hospital, and a small prison along this highway. Two cantonment buildings with four radio masts and antennas were seen on the eastern field border.

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5. About one hundred aircraft (about 30 PO-2s and the rest PE-2s) were parked at the FIMO" airfield on 12 July 1949.
6. The field had an east-west runway. About one thousand feet east of this runway there were two wooden cabins and 11 radio masts which were connected by antenna wires either with one another or with the wooden cabins. A wooden building, surrounded by a wire fence and guarded by Soviet Air Force soldiers, was located in a woods 2,000 feet south of the landing field. The utilization of this building could not be learned.

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8. The FIMO" airfield was occupied by 21 biplanes and 127 twin-engine aircraft on 16 July 1949; about half of the aircraft were parked on the northern border, the other half on the southern field border. Most of the twin-engine planes had a double rudder assembly. All aircraft were covered with tarpaulins.

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Report confirmed a previous report that the occupation of the FIMO" airfield by two bomber regiments with about one hundred PE-2s is considered to be rather definite. The previously reported construction work at the field indicates that the field is being expanded to the west and that a second taxiway (possibly runway) is to be constructed:

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